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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL SCROLL FROM KNESSET TO CONGRESS

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1. AS POST IS AWARE, AMBASSADOR WHILE IN U.S. ON CONSUL-
TATIONS PRESENTED TO SPEAKER ALBERT ON JULY 28 SCROLL
ON WHICH WAS EMBOSSED TEXT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM
KNESSET TO CONGRESS ON OCCASION OF U.S. BICENTENNIAL. WE
HAVE NOW RECEIVED AUTHORIZED TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY
SPEAKER AT OCCASION AND RELAY IT BELOW FOR POST AT ITS
DISCRETION TO PASS ON TO SPEAKER OF KNESSET.

2. BEGIN TEXT. ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESS, I AM HONORED
TO RECEIVE THIS SCROLL BEARING THE BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMA-
TION OF THE KNESSET OF ISRAEL. WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY
EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM FOREIGN
NATIONS DURING THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, BUT FEW CAME FROM
NATIONS WITH AS CLOSE A RELATIONSHIP AS EXISTS BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES. (PARA.) THE BONDS BETWEEN
OUR TWO NATIONS GO FAR BEYOND THE SURFACE TIES OF DEFENSIVE
ALLIANCES AND COMMON POLITICAL INTERESTS. WE ARE BOTH
NATIONS OF IMMIGRANTS, OUR INHABITANTS MAKING DIFFICULT
JOURNEYS TO NEW LANDS TO ESCAPE PERSECUTION, THE COMMON
GOALS OF THE PEOPLE RATHER THAN THE DESIGNS OF A MONARCHY
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OR A DICTATORSHIP. WE ARE BOTH NATIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN
UNPRODUCTIVE AND SOMETIMES HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS AND TURNED
THEM INTO MODERN AND PROSPEROUS FARMS AND BUSINESSES FOR
OUR CITIZENS. WE ARE BOTH NATIONS THAT HAVE COME INTO
BEING THROUGH WARS, AND WE BOTH HAVE LIVED UNDER THE CON-
STANT THREAT OF WAR WITHOUT ABANDONING OUR BASIC PRINCIPLES.
(PARA.) THESE TIES SERVE TO MAKE OUR POLITICAL ASSOCIATION
A NATURAL ONE. WE MAY DIFFER FROM TIME TO TIME ON VARIOUS
MATTERS, ADMINISTRATIONS MAY COME AND GO IN BOTH NATIONS,
DIFFERENT CRISES MAY ARISE, BUT OUR BASIC INTERESTS,
ARISING FROM THIS COMMON BACKGROUND, REMAIN THE SAME.
(PARA.) THE CONGRESS IS PLEASED TO ACCEPT THESE BICENTEN-
NIAL GREETINGS FROM ISRAEL, AND I AM SURE I SPEAK FOR ALL
MEMBERS WHEN I SAY WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS BEING
ABLE TO SEND BICENTENNIAL GREETINGS TO ISRAEL. END TEXT.
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